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I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in Russian and English, of the Communiqué of the 13th Meeting of Heads of Special Services, Security Agencies and Law-Enforcement Organizations, adopted in Sochi on 10 April 2014 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 107, and of the Security Council.

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Communiqué of the 13th Meeting of Heads of Special Services, Security Agencies and Law-Enforcement Organizations

The 13th Meeting of Heads of Special Services, Security Agencies and Law-Enforcement Organizations of foreign States that work in partnership with the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation was held from 9 to 10 April 2014 in Sochi, Russian Federation. The Meeting was attended by 79 delegations from 55 States and three international organizations: the United Nations, including the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011), as well as the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force; the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization; and the Anti-Terrorism Centre of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The Sochi gathering demonstrated the key role of the Meeting within the architecture of international counter-terrorist institutions. The Meeting continued to perform its mission of strengthening the global counter-terrorism system under the overall coordination of the United Nations.

There was general agreement among participants in the Meeting that the most serious terrorist threats at present are related to the return to their countries of origin of terrorist fighters who have undergone a "baptism of fire" in hotspots in various regions of the world. The predictable increase in international terrorist activity following the withdrawal from Afghanistan of the International Security Assistance Force in 2014 is another source of deep concern. Participants in the Meeting expressed their readiness to engage the potential of the global security intelligence community to stop further expansion of terrorism and extremism.

The use of information and communication technologies for terrorist purposes remains a matter of special concern to special services and law enforcement agencies. Participants in the forum observed that, at their current level of development, information and communication technologies have become a new factor of power, which necessitates building well-coordinated containment mechanisms. There was agreement that work should be intensified on drafting ethical standards for security intelligence cooperation in this area that would include the principle of according priority to preventing computer-related incidents which affect critical information infrastructure rather than merely responding to such incidents.

Participants in the Meeting reviewed the experience of cooperation among special services and law enforcement agencies during the XXII Olympic Winter Games and the XI Paralympic Winter Games held in Sochi in 2014. Guidelines for

improving future cooperation in ensuring the security of major international events were defined and agreed upon.

Within the framework of the Meeting, dedicated thematic sessions continued their work. Participants noted the key role of special services in the implementation of the relevant United Nations and Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe resolutions aimed at reducing the risk of conflicts arising from the use of information and communications technologies. In addition, they recognized the need to continue to seek robust modalities of cooperation in developing a system of countermeasures against the use of weapons and explosives for terrorist purposes.

The 14th Meeting will be held in 2015 in the Russian Federation.